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DENHOLME URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary conditions and health of the Denholme Urban Sanitary District, with tabular returns of vital statistics for the year 1946.

To the Denholme Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District, along with vital statistics for the year ending 31st December, 1946.

Section A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area of District	2536 Acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (Mid-year 1946)	2435
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1946 according to the rate book	928
Rateable Value	£13,735
Sum represented by a penny rate	£52 -14 - 2

The population figure shows an increase on the figure, shows an increase on the figures for previous years.

Social Conditions The population is almost entirely composed of the thirty artisan class engaged in the mills, stone quarries, agricultural and dairy farms of the district, a large number travel to the neighbouring towns and are employed as woolsorters, warehousemen and in the engineering and building trades. No great unemployment exists.

Vital Statistics

	Total	Males	Females
Live Births	41	15	26
Live Births (Legitimate)	36	12	24
Live Births (Illegitimate)	5	3	2
Still Births	1	0	1
Still Births (Legitimate)	1	0	1
Still Births (Illegitimate)	0	0	0
Birth Rate per 1000 population (Live and Still Births) (1945 17.9) (England & Wales 19.1. West Riding Urban Districts 19.5)	16.8		

Deaths. Males 19 Females 24 Total 43.
 Death Rate per 1000 population 1946 17.7 (1945 13.6)
 Death from puerperal Sepsis - Nil
 Death Rate England & Wales 11.5
 Death Rate on Infants under one year of age per 1000 Live Births 1946 NIL 1945 96 England & Wales 43

Legitimate Infants per 1000 Live Births NIL
 Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Live Births NIL
 Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 6
 Deaths from Cancer per 1000 estimated population 2.46
 Deaths from Measles NIL
 Deaths from Whooping Cough NIL
 Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) NIL
 Symptomatic Disease Death Rate per 1000 population NIL

The following table shows the ages of death.

Under 1 year	1 yr. and under 5	5 yrs and under 15	15 yrs. and under 25	25 yrs. and under 65	65 yrs. and over.
0	0	2	0	8	33



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Section A. - cont.

Table showing age groups and causes of death

	under 1 yr	1 yr under 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	65 and over.
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0	0	1	1
Cancer of all other sites	0	0	0	0	2	4
Inter-cranial vascular lesions	0	0	0	0	1	6
Heart disease	0	0	0	0	3	15
Bronchitis	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pneumonia	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other digestive disorders	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nephritis	0	0	0	0	1	1
All other causes	0	0	1	0	1	3

Section B. General Provision for Health Services for the Area.

The Public Health Officers of the Authority consist of a part-time Medical Officer of Health, a Sanitary Inspector who is also the Council's Surveyor, supplemented by the School Medical Officers, Health Visitors and Veterinary Officers of the West Riding County Council.

All arrangements for hospital treatment whether for fever, small pox, tuberculosis, maternity, puerperal or general cases, as well as laboratory services and child welfare continue to function satisfactorily.

The District is served by St. John's Ambulance from Bradford for general and accidental cases.

In the case of road accidents the police will call the Keighley Ambulance (Police), or direct communication may be made to the Superintendent of Police at Keighley if the local police are not available.

Denholme District Nursing Association provides the services of a capable nurse, who is a registered mid-wife holding the certificate of the Central Mid-wives Board for home nursing and maternity work. There is no maternity home in the district.

The use of a mortuary has been arranged with the Shipley Urban District Council and Post Mortems are now conducted there.

Section C.(1) WATER

(a) The supply from Bradford Corporation and Messrs W. & H. Foster Ltd. continues to be satisfactory. Bradford Corporation Waterworks Engineer examines specimens of the water for purity.

(b) Sewage and Drainage The sewage disposal works continue to function satisfactorily. The Southern end of the district is sparsely populated and is unsewered.

(c) SOS Houses are not connected to sewer.

(2) RIVER AND STREAM

One small stream remains comparatively free from pollution.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

	1945	1946
Privies with covered middens	75	22
Privies with open middens	4	4
Toil and Tub Closets	45	45
Waste water closets	18	18
Fresh Water Closets	817	827
Chemical Closets	0	0
Total number of Closets	961	981
% of closets on water carriage system	85%	85%

(4a) Public Cleansing

The Scavenging of the District is still carried out by the Council Staff in a very satisfactory manner. Ashbins and pails are emptied weekly and privies every fourteen or twenty-one days. Disposal is by controlled tipping system except in a few outlying districts where old quarries are used. The refuse is collected in covered dust carts and conveyed to the tips. The cost for scavenging for 1946 was £456.

Section C.(4b) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The following is a tabular statement of the inspections, made by the Sanitary Inspector in 1946.

Total number of inspections made 1946	750
Nuisances	20
Nuisances found 1946	"
Nuisances in hand 1945	20
Total needing abatement	18
Abated during 1946	2.
Outstanding Year 1946	

(5) Shops. No. of visits paid in 1946 - 2 ; no unsatisfactory conditions found.

(Ca) Smoke Abatement - no observations made.

(Cb) Smoke Abatement - no observations made.

(7) Baths (Swimming) and Pools : There are none in the district.

(8) Eradication of bed bugs : no cases have occurred.

(9) Schools Denholme Council and Keelham Schools have both been visited by myself several times - one course of diphtheria immunisation was carried out for the benefit of the scholars, of whom 85% have availed themselves of this safeguard.

(10) Factories There are 3 in the district : they have been inspected 10 times and conditions have been found to be satisfactory.

SECTION EInspection and Supervision of Food.

A. Milk Supply. 53 Cowsheds are in the district and were inspected 53 times. The average number of milk cows is 390. The number of cowkeepers is 25, all of whom are registered. The number of wholesale traders registered is 15. The number of retail milk sellers registered is 12. The structural conditions of the cowsheds are fairly good and the cleanliness and methods of production are of a good standard generally.

B. Meat and other Foods. Five private slaughterhouses - four of which are licensed. All are out of use and not inspected.

C. Bakerhouses. There are 3 in the district and all have been found satisfactory.

SECTION F.

A. The notifiable infectious diseases occurring during the year are shown in the following table :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Treatment.</u>
Pneumonia	7	All treated at home
Scarlet Fever	2	Both treated at hospital
Erysipelas	1	Treated at home
Diphtheria	5	Four treated at hospital One treated at home
Whooping Cough	3	Treated at home
Measles	1	Treated at home

B. Tuberculosis

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified and admitted to Sanatoria.

Table G is appended.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) D.W.N. Blackmore M.B.Ch.B. (Edin.)

